

2023 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums

ITEM C: Discuss update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.

Background Notes:

Trustees' IC/RF Committee – December 14, 2022, meeting report excerpt:

The committee reviewed and discussed the survey results and agreed that the data did not reflect an overwhelming desire by the respondents to change the current practice (i.e., the chairs of the Big meetings at the International Conventions have been invited to close in ~~the~~ manner of their choice, with some closing with the Lord's Prayer, some closing with the Serenity Prayer and some closing with the Responsibility Statement.) Calculating the English, French and Spanish responses in total, the committee noted over 50% responded favorably to keeping with the current practice.

The committee also agreed that that dispatching the survey and providing the results and summary to the Conference satisfied the 2021 ICRF Conference committee consideration requesting that the trustees' committee on ICRF explore the preference of the Fellowship regarding methods of closing the Big meetings at the International Convention. The committee requested that the documentation and summary be provided as background for the meeting of the 2023 Conference Committee on IC/RF.

2022 Conference Committee on IC/RF Committee consideration:

The committee reviewed the update report submitted by the trustees' committee regarding surveying the Fellowship on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention. The committee understands that a survey has been developed designed to gather information from the Fellowship regarding aspects of the 2025 International Convention; and that a question(s) regarding use of the Lord's Prayer and options to the use of the Lord's Prayer (e.g., the Third Step Prayer, the Seventh Step Prayer and A.A.'s Declaration of Unity) will be added to the survey. It is anticipated that the survey will be dispatched in May 2022 via mail and through multiple communication platforms (e.g., Box 4-5-9, AA Grapevine/La Viña, etc.); and that a progress report be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums.

Background:

1. [Response report \(English speaking members\)*](#)
2. [Response report \(French speaking members\)](#)
3. [Response report \(Spanish speaking members\)](#)

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Feedback for Closing Big Meetings - 2025 IC

7256
Total Responses

7256 Completed Responses

0 Partial Responses

20166
Survey Visits

Feedback on Closing Big Meetings at the International Convention

"The 2021 Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums had a thoughtful and wide-ranging discussion regarding methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention, particularly the use of the Lord's Prayer and the understanding that although the prayer is part of the history of A.A. and is widely used and supported in some A.A. communities, it is not used in meetings in other A.A. communities and some feel that it could make some members feel excluded and support the perception of A.A. as a religious organization.

Agreeing that it would be beneficial to gather shared experience from the Fellowship to make an informed decision, the committee requested that the trustees' International Conventions/ Regional Forums Committee explore the preference of the Fellowship regarding methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.

It may be helpful to note that for several International Conventions the chairs of all 200+ meetings at the convention have been invited to close in the manner of their choice. Some close with the Lord's Prayer, some close with the Serenity Prayer, some close with the Responsibility statement, while some close with a moment of silence. There has not previously been a policy or requirement as to which prayer or method of closing the meetings would be used."

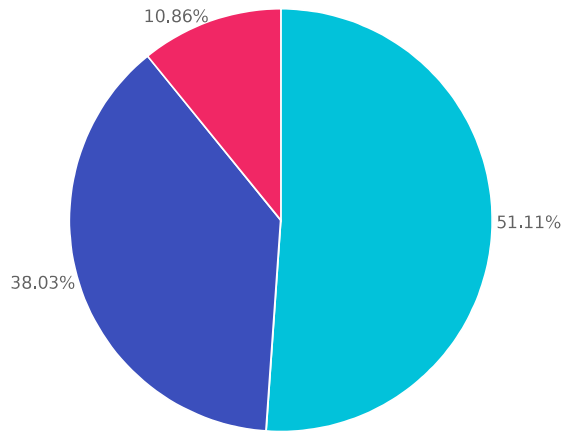
For the last four International Conventions, at the choice of the respective chair, one of the Big Meetings closed with the Lord's Prayer, one closed with the Serenity Prayer and one closed with the Responsibility Statement.

No Responses

Q1

Would you prefer that we continue with this practice, including the Lord’s Prayer?

Answered: 7182 Skipped: 74



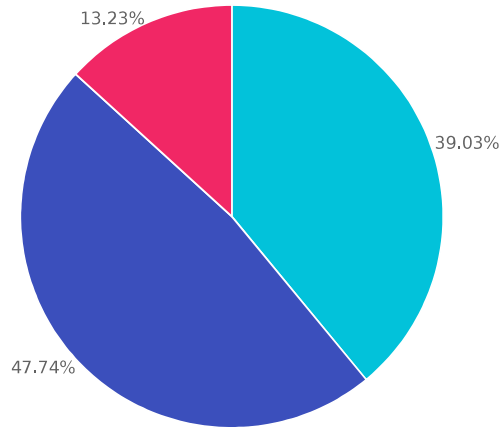
● Yes ● No ● No preference

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	51.11%	3671
No	38.03%	2731
No preference	10.86%	780

Q2

Would you prefer that we continue with this practice but substitute another option for the Lord’s Prayer?

Answered: 7097 Skipped: 159



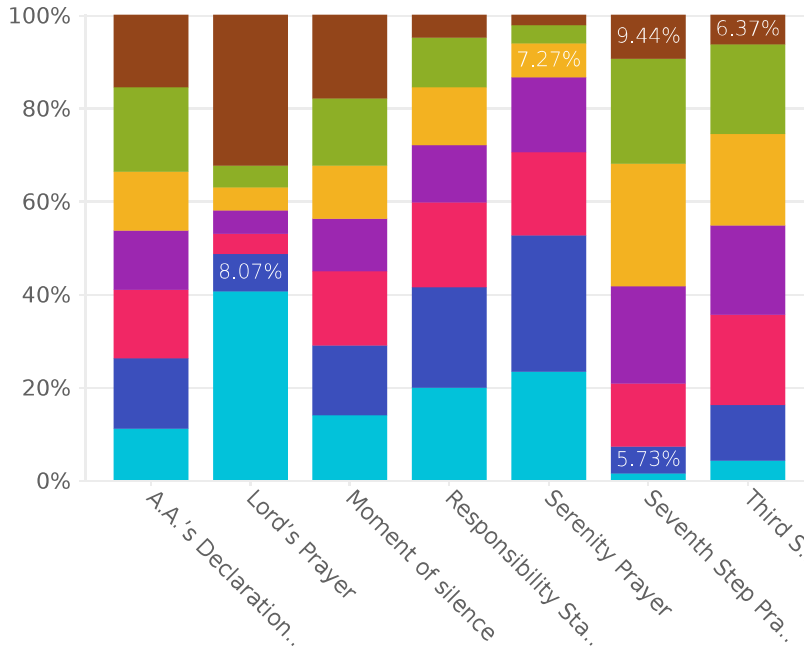
● Yes
 ● No
 ● No preference

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	39.03%	2770
No	47.74%	3388
No preference	13.23%	939

Q3

Which options would you like to see included for closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention? Please rank the options below in order of preference (1 - 7)

Answered: 7011 Skipped: 245



Choices	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Rank	Response count
A.A.'s Declaration of Unity	11.03% (659)	15.13% (904)	14.74% (881)	12.73% (761)	12.62% (754)	18.19% (1087)	15.56% (930)	3.82	5	5976
Lord's Prayer	40.55% (2461)	8.07% (490)	4.33% (263)	5.03% (305)	4.93% (299)	4.66% (283)	32.43% (1968)	4.31	3	6069
Moment of silence	13.92% (849)	15.01% (916)	15.93% (972)	11.29% (689)	11.46% (699)	14.42% (880)	17.96% (1096)	3.94	4	6101
Responsibility Statement	19.87% (1244)	21.58% (1351)	18.19% (1139)	12.35% (773)	12.43% (778)	10.67% (668)	4.90% (307)	4.72	2	6260
Serenity Prayer	23.30% (1470)	29.29% (1848)	17.89% (1129)	16.09% (1015)	7.27% (459)	3.93% (248)	2.23% (141)	5.25	1	6310
Seventh Step Prayer	1.45% (83)	5.73% (328)	13.58% (777)	20.88% (1195)	26.32% (1506)	22.60% (1293)	9.44% (540)	3.30	7	5722
Third Step Prayer	4.21% (245)	11.97% (697)	19.39% (1129)	19.13% (1114)	19.70% (1147)	19.22% (1119)	6.37% (371)	3.79	6	5822

Do you have a different suggestion for closing the Big Meetings?

Answered: 2670

- 1 I don't care for the moment of silence option at all. My home group closes with the "we" version of the serenity prayer. I would like to see that included in the options.
- 2 No
- 3 My preference is the moments silence instead of any prayer spoken with a card containing all prayer except The Lord's Prayer and only voice The Serenity Prayer in the First Person Plural as suggested in Step 12 of the 12 & 12. We are Anonymous and seeking no religious affiliation or hierarchy!
- 4 Prayer of St Francis of Assisi
- 5 The reason I would prefer not to do the Lord's prayer is that the religious connection may be a reason for a new comer to turn away from AA and recovery because of their personal reaction to a religious prayer associated with AA.
- 6 Yesterday, today tomorrow
- 7 No
- 8 I would ask that the ICRF committee also have a discussion around the cultish chanting that occurs in many parts of AA and see what might be done to send a message to attendees on how that crowd sourced in AA via treatment centers and other non-AA outlets.
- 9 From a professional or public perspective I am much more concerned with a society of chanters who claim membership in a spiritual organization than I am with a prayer that has been employed by thousands of various groups throughout the millennia.
- 10 St Francis prayer
- 11 no
- 12 No
- 13 We could read AA comes of age so all could learn about our history's roots from Akron.
- 14 Possibly a little disclaimer before the prayer- example- in closing this meeting and including all spiritual power's, the chairs of this international convention have chosen the prayer.
- 15 I think it would be really awesome to discontinue the use of the Lord's Prayer. It is totally inappropriate for a worldwide organization like ours.
- 16 Any prayer from the big book or the serenity prayer would be great
- 17 Respecting the history and traditions of AA and the community from which it arose suggests tgat the use of the Lords Prayer at at least one of the meetings is an important action to take.
- 18 No
- 19 since we have AA members from different (or none) religious backgrounds, I think sticking to the common prayers (serenity prayer, third step prayer and seventh step prayer) would be more inclusive
- 20 No
- 21 Keep it simple as our cofounder had it
- 22 The Lord's Prayer is a simple and complicate prayer
- 23 The Lord's Prayer should be paramount.
- 24 Sing Kumbaya. Just kidding 😊
- 25 A count down from oldest to newest
- 26 No
- 27 If we continue to use the lords prayer, we should rotate in prayers from other faiths e.g. Islam, Judaism, atheist, etc.
- 28 No
- 29 Nope

A Vision for You

- 28 I would rank all the prayers at a 7 (with the exception of the Serenity Prayer. We are suppose to be non-christian. The Lord's, #rd Step & 7th Step prayers are Christian prayers.
- 29 Keep coming back. It works if you work it. So work it, you are worth it.
- 30 No
- 31 Contest to create a statement all can relate to.
- 32 Read the Promises section of the Big Book.
- 33 Each Big Meeting should be closed with a prayer of choice of that particular chairperson.
- 34 no

If we don't acknowledge our Higher Power and the Grace we have received for personal sobriety and for the sustaining of our beloved Fellowship, we won't survive long. We are not sober on our own power.

35 AA should not change to suit anyone. Everyone is welcome in AA. No one is obliged or forced to do anything. There are already many "generic" addiction programs that do not rely on a Higher Power. They come and go - usually depending on the funding! I hope Alcoholics Anonymous does not become one of them.

- 36 No
- 37 no
- 38 No, but thank you for asking.
- 39 No.
- 40 You have enough options as it is
- 41 These arguments with the preamble and closings are getting out of hand.
- 42 Page 164
- 43 No
- 44 Not at this time.
- 45 Quote the closing statement on page 164.
- 46 No
- 47 No
- 48 no
- 49 Someone reading page 164
- 50 Anything but the Lord's prayer

After a moment of silence for the still suffering alcoholic both inside and outside our rooms, we could end the meeting by just saying "Thank You" in unison

51 (It's the shortest prayer I know and always reminds me to be grateful for everything and everyone in my life - whether good, bad or indifferent)

52 Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

53 A pause, moment of silence, and I mean a moment of silence, 30 seconds at least. Then the Responsibility Statement

54 I think the Lord's Prayer has no place in the closing of an AA meeting. Therefore, I did not rank it.

55 I feel excluded when the meeting is not closed with the Lord's Prayer. Close all the meetings with the Lord's Prayer.

- 56 none
- 57 no

58 In question three, I chose not to rank the Lord's Prayer or the 3rd or 7th Step Prayers. I believe we should not use any of those prayers to close meetings. I am not in favor of using the Lord's Prayer because it is affiliated with a specific religion, and we are not. I am not in favor of group recitations of the 3rd and 7th Step prayers because it undermines the text's promise that the wording is optional for both of these prayers.

59 Whatever happens use a different marketing company that coordinates the events. They are tragic and horrible experience with registration last 3 conferences

60 I do not.

61 Ninth Step Promises; A Vision For You, page 164, last two paragraphs or last three paragraphs

62 No

63 I do not

64 It's the International so maybe a prayer of choice of an attendee from a randomly selected country, preferably delivered over the sound system, in their native tongue, with the text of the prayer displayed in both that language, English, Spanish, and French. Invite everyone to join if they wish, in whatever language they prefer. It'll be pure cacophony, much like the closing of many, many Zoom meetings I've attended.

65 I do not.

66 We version of the serenity prayer

67 Close them all with the Lord's Prayer

68 I love the responsibility and the unity prayer. Otherwise, I really have no preference.

69 No

70 No

71 No

72 Acceptance is the Answer. Pg. 417

73 No

74 No

75 A moment of silence allows all to close in their own way silently and it would be very impactful having 50,000 people in a silent moment together. Many of us are not Christian and it is time for us to be inclusive at our international convention.

76 I believe a prayer that is consistent with the presence of God in the Twelve Steps is very appropriate. To exclude the spirituality of the 12 steps does not make sense. There are ways to have prayer with respect for various denominations but acknowledgement of God within the essence is imperative.

77 Only that if we do the declaration of Unity, 3rd or 7th step prayers - they should be on a screen somewhere as many newcomers do not know them.

78 Anything secular. No mention of God. Thanks for asking!

79 no

80 No

81 No, but thank you for conducting this survey. For those of us who choose not to end with the Lords Prayer, this is an opportunity for greater unity within AA.

82 Only the Lords Prayer.....

83 no

84 An alternative is to close each meeting with a moment of silence, no had holding.

85 No, thanks!! Keep up the good work!!

86 No I love the Lords Prayer

87 Close all meetings with the Lord's Prayer

88 A non religions prayer would be best or a moment of silence and leave it at that.

89 No



Feedback for Closing Big Meetings - 2025 IC (French)

185
Nombre total
de réponses

185 Réponses complètes

0 Réponses partielles

940
Visites de
l'enquête

Commentaires concernant la clôture des grandes réunions lors du Congrès international

"En réponse à un point de l'ordre du jour demandant d'examiner l'utilisation du Notre Père pour la clôture des Grandes Réunions aux Congrès internationaux des AA, le Comité des Congrès internationaux/Forums territoriaux de la Conférence de 2021 a eu une discussion réfléchie et étendue sur les méthodes de clôture des Grandes Réunions au Congrès international, en particulier l'utilisation du Notre Père et la compréhension que, bien que la prière fasse partie de l'histoire des AA et qu'elle soit largement utilisée et soutenue dans certaines communautés des AA, elle n'est pas utilisée dans les réunions d'autres communautés des AA et certains pensent qu'elle pourrait faire en sorte que certains membres se sentent exclus et soutenir la perception des AA comme une organisation religieuse.

Reconnaissant qu'il serait bénéfique de recueillir l'expérience du Mouvement pour prendre une décision éclairée, le comité a demandé au Comité du Conseil pour les Congrès Internationaux/Forums territoriaux d'étudier les préférences du Mouvement concernant les méthodes de clôture des Grandes Réunions lors du Congrès international.

Il peut être utile de noter que, depuis plusieurs Congrès internationaux, les présidents des plus de 200 réunions du congrès ont été invités à clôturer de la manière de leur choix. Certains clôturent avec le Notre Père, d'autres avec la Prière de la Sérénité, d'autres encore avec la Déclaration de Responsabilité, tandis que d'autres clôturent avec un moment de silence. Il n'y avait pas auparavant de politique concernant la prière ou la méthode de clôture des réunions qui était requise."

Lors des quatre derniers congrès internationaux, au choix du président respectif, une des Grandes Réunions s'est terminée par le Notre Père, une autre par la Prière de la Sérénité et une dernière par la Déclaration de Responsabilité.

Aucune réponse

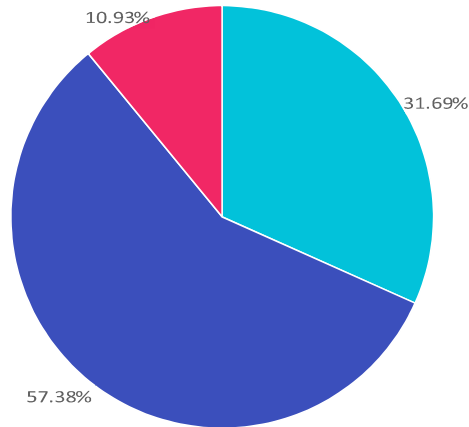
Q1

Préféreriez-vous que nous continuions cette façon de faire, y compris le Notre Père ?

Répondu : 183

Ignoré : 2

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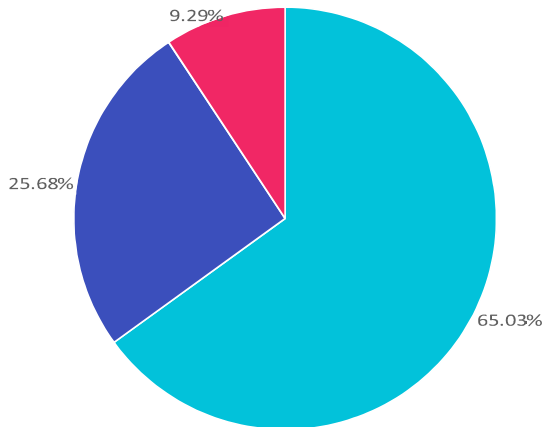
● Oui
 ● Non
 ● Pas de préférence

Choix	Pourcentage de réponses	Nombre de réponses
Oui	31.69%	58
Non	57.38%	105
Pas de préférence	10.93%	20

Q2

Préférez-vous que nous continuions cette pratique mais que nous remplacions le Notre Père par une autre option ?

Répondu : 183 Ignoré : 2



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Choix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Rang	Nombre de réponses
Déclaration d'Unité des AA	17.50 % (28)	33.75 % (54)	23.13 % (37)	10.00 % (16)	8.13% (13)	3.13% (5)	4.38% (7)	5.16	3	160
Notre Père	18.31 % (26)	7.75% (11)	3.52% (5)	9.15% (13)	4.93% (7)	5.63% (8)	50.70% (72)	3.06	6	142
Moment de silence	11.61 % (18)	13.55 % (21)	18.06 % (28)	19.35 % (30)	9.03% (14)	16.77 % (26)	11.61% (18)	4.03	4	155
Déclaration de Responsabilité	27.16 % (44)	24.07 % (39)	17.90 % (29)	13.58 % (22)	8.02% (13)	8.02% (13)	1.23% (2)	5.20	2	162
Prière de la Sérénité	36.20 % (59)	20.25 % (33)	18.40 % (30)	15.34 % (25)	4.29% (7)	2.45% (4)	3.07% (5)	5.49	1	163
Prière de la Septième Étape	1.43% (2)	1.43% (2)	8.57% (12)	15.71 % (22)	36.43 % (51)	25.00 % (35)	11.43% (16)	2.95	7	140
Prière de la Troisième Étape	1.41% (2)	5.63% (8)	11.97 % (17)	14.79 % (21)	24.65 % (35)	33.10 % (47)	8.45% (12)	3.11	5	142

Q4

Avez-vous une autre suggestion pour clore les Grandes Réunions?

Répondu : 58 Ignoré : 127

- 1 Either the Lords prayer or the Serenity prayer.
- 2 The responsibility statement.

The Lords prayer is great. It has existed for 2000 years and it suits alcoholics well. Agnostics and
- 3 atheists are presents in AA since 1935 so I don't see what's different today. Re-read your history. I'm not teaching you anything. Have a good day.
- 4 Serenity prayer followed by the responsibility statement.
- 5 Invite 3 members to say the Serenity prayer, one in English, one in French, one in Spanish...
- 6 None
- 7 With a smile, a handshake, and at least 5 people around us... I Hope to be able to make it in 2025!!

No.

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- 8 The declaration of Unity of AA seems to be the most appropriate way to end a convention of this scale. Since it is an International convention, we have to stay neutral and not give the impression that we are associated to a church or a religion.
- 9 The declaration of Unity and the responsibility statement. This app won't let me pick more than one.
- 10 Thank you for this question. May His Will be.

- 11 thank their Higher Power. A moment of silence and suggestion to the members to say in silence whatever prayer they want to 12 No prayer coming from any religion at all.

- 13 Just before the moment of silence (option 2 above), thank the partmeeting, and then say : THANK YOU AND LET'S STAY UNITED. Participants for their presence at this

- 14 No

- 15 The Lords prayer IS NOT inclusive and SHOULD NOT BE suggested in any circumstance.

When I first joined the fellowship and for a few decades, I tried to ban the Lords Prayer and God related things from our meetings. Until an old timer ended a meeting by saying : FOR THOSE WHO WISH, let's end the meeting with the Lords Prayer.

- 16 These words from an « old wise man » ended my fight and the one of others.

Richard B

- 17 No but everyone at the end holding hands saying the Lords prayer is something that gives you chills or goosebumps it's just awesome

The Serenity prayer by replacing « God » by « Friends », God being a friend for the believing Christian 18 or Muslim. And that way other beliefs are also respected. This makes the Serenity prayer/thinking more universal on a philosophical level.

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- 19 The 12 promises.
20 Meditate.
21 AA works since 1935, it works for me since May 15 2008. I trust and I let myself being carried by the Vancouver friends.

22 Benoît

- 23 Nothing to say.
24 No other suggestion.

According to me, Vincent, alcoholic, the Serenity prayer is the best way to end a meeting. The declaration of confidentiality could be an alternative. The other prayers, like explained, could make some friends who need help believe that it is a religious fellowship.

- 25 It is difficult to explain that the Lords Prayer is an ancestral AA tradition since AA is not a religious organization.

In fellowship.

- 26 Transmitted live on the internet.
27 No
28 A song of hope
29 Formulate a prayer that would feel like the Lords Prayer but specific to AA that would include the large scope of AA and of spirituality.
30 The San Francis prayer.
31 Remind that if we are not responsible for our illness we are responsible for our recovery.

No, I don't have other suggestions.
I can't wait to be at the International convention. This will be my first International convention.

Many members say that this event is not to be missed ! So
I will be there with joy !

- 32 Thank you for taking the time to ask questions to members because the base is important in the Where does the theme of the Convention comes from, what country, what area, what district ?

Fellowship of Alcoholics anonymous.

For the Love of AA and the Love of Service.

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Danielle S. Chair of District 03 in Joliette in Area 90 in Québec, Canada.

33 The 10 step promises from the BB p 95-96 34 The chain of love.

35 No but the Serenity prayer is essential in AA.

36 For the Serenity prayer, I would prefer that we call it Serenity thinking (note from translator : this does

not translate well, the idea is to not call it a « prayer »), and that we don't start with « God » and just

start with « Grant me the...”

37 no

Simply say

38 « See you later » or « See you next time » (for a simple meeting)

“Bye and see you next time” (for a big closing meeting) No,

I do not have other suggestions.

39

Jean-J., Belgium

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40 Continue the great work that you do, 24 hours at a time.

41 no

In France, we let the groups choose words in our literature to close meetings as see fit, but we are attached to the Serenity prayer. But the Lords Prayer is too catholic for the secular oriented members.

42

I hope to come to Vancouver.

I want to specify that I believe in God and that I say the Lords Prayer every day. It is a Christian prayer
43 and it does not seem appropriate to use it in AA. I was indeed chocked when I heard it at the end of a meeting during the Convention in Toronto.

44 -

45 Thank you.

46 End by inviting people to meditate for 1 minute on what they where looking for in coming here, how to

carry it and how to apply it in their lives. Then we can invite people to wish a good 24 hours to the

people around them.

47 A moment of gratitude, thank you to ourselves, to others, to the Convention of the 90 years, to God (to bigger than ourselves).

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48 Second, is this coming from a NEED ? NO, I don't think so. Good 24 hours. First of all, STOP trying to change what exists in our approved literature of alcoholics anonymous.

49 No

50 Reminder of the preamble

51 No 52 No

53 Thank you for the suggestions. I prefer the Lords Prayer.

54 I trust the decisions that will be made for the good of our Fellowship. Thank you

55 no

56 No thank you

Hello, my name is Michel V., I live in the suburbs of Montreal in Quebec, I have been going to AA meetings for 40 years, I know there are people from other cultures and there are also atheists that join our beautiful fellowship of AA. There are always been controversies in AA, but I have never ever heard

57 anyone complain about the Lords Prayer! ... In « How it works » it says that our saving needs to come from a higher power as we understand it, we can call it whatever we want, we can belong to the religion of our choice, we always need to rely on a power greater than ourselves, no matter what prayer we use to close the meetings, there will always be members who disagree, and as far as I'm concerned, I want us to continue using the Lords Prayer! I wish you a great 24 hours.

58 Respect what Bill and Bob taught us. If everyone starts giving their opinions it will be chaos.



Feedback on Closing Big Meetings - 2025 IC (Spanish)



69 Respuestas completadas

0 Respuestas parciales



Comentarios y Sugerencias sobre cómo cerrar las Reuniones Grandes en la Convención Internacional

"En respuesta a un punto de agenda que solicitó que se llevara a consideración el uso del padrenuestro para cerrar las reuniones grandes en las Convenciones Internacionales de AA, el Comité de Convenciones Internacionales y Foros Regionales de la Conferencia de 2021 tuvo una discusión amplia y concienzuda sobre los métodos para cerrar las reuniones grandes en la Convención Internacional, particularmente el uso del padrenuestro y la comprensión de que si bien la oración es parte de la historia de AA y se la utiliza y defiende con bastante frecuencia en algunas comunidades de AA, no se usa en las reuniones de otras comunidades de AA y algunos piensan que podría hacer que algunos miembros se sintieran excluidos y que reforzaría la percepción de que AA es una organización religiosa.

El comité concordó en que sería beneficioso recopilar información compartida de la Comunidad para tomar una decisión informada, y por ello solicitó que el Comité de Convenciones Internacionales y Foros Regionales de los custodios explorara la preferencia de la Comunidad en relación con los métodos para cerrar las reuniones grandes en la Convención Internacional.

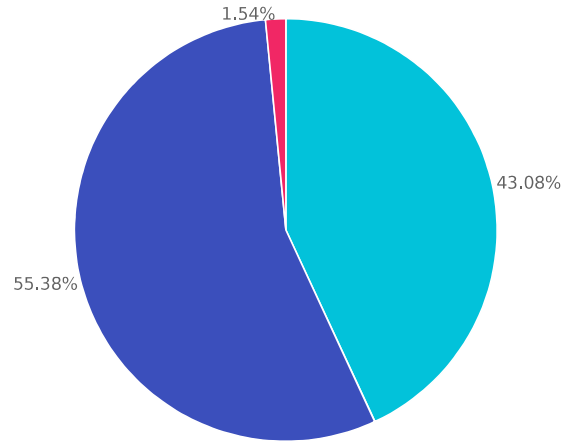
Es conveniente señalar que, desde hace varias Convenciones Internacionales, los coordinadores de las más de doscientas reuniones en la convención han sido invitados a cerrar las reuniones de la manera que ellos elijan. Algunos cierran con el padrenuestro; otros con la Oración de la Serenidad; algunos usan la Declaración de responsabilidad, mientras que otros cierran con un momento de silencio. Anteriormente no ha habido ninguna política sobre qué oración o método se requiere utilizar para cerrar las reuniones."

En las cuatro últimas Convenciones Internacionales, según la elección del coordinador o coordinadora respectivos, una de las reuniones grandes se cerró con el padrenuestro, una con la Oración de la Serenidad y una con la Declaración de responsabilidad.

R1

¿Preferiría que continuáramos con esta práctica, incluyendo el padrenuestro?

Respondida: 65 Omitida: 4



● Sí

● No

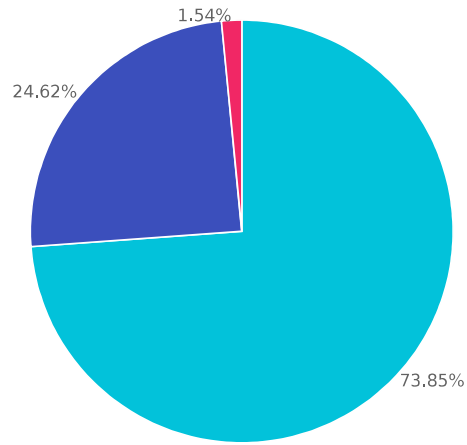
● Sin preferencia

Opciones	Porcentaje de respuesta	Conteo de respuesta
Sí	43.08%	28
No	55.38%	36
Sin preferencia	1.54%	1

R2

¿Preferiría que continuáramos con esta práctica, pero que pongamos otra opción en vez del padrenuestro?

Respondida: 65 Omitida: 4



● Sí

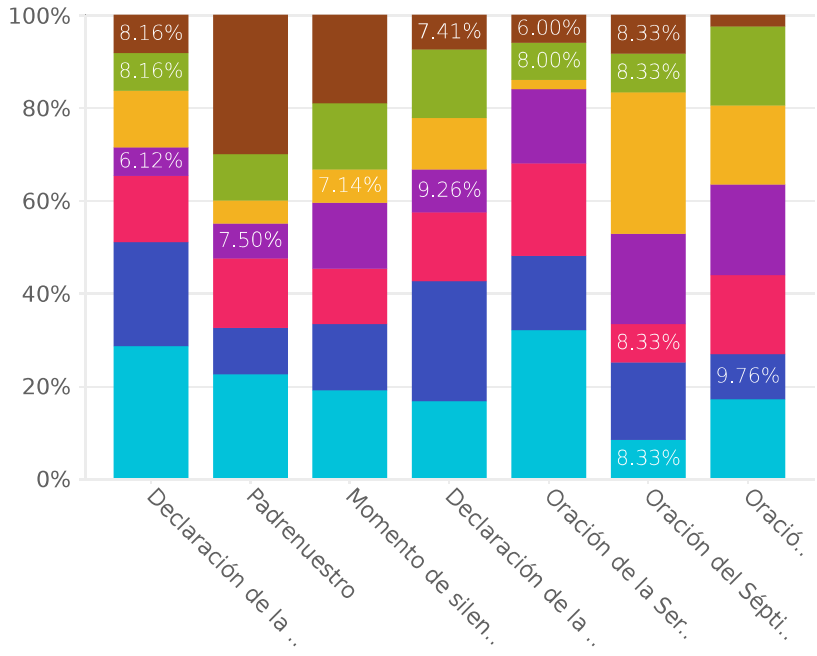
● No

● Sin preferencia

Opciones	Porcentaje de respuesta	Conteo de respuesta
Sí	73.85%	48
No	24.62%	16
Sin preferencia	1.54%	1

¿Qué opciones le gustaría ver incluidas para el cierre de las reuniones grandes en la Convención Internacional? Por favor califique las opciones a continuación en orden de preferencia (del 1 al 7).

Respondida: 66 Omitida: 3



Opciones	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Puntuación	Clasificación	Conteo de respuesta
Declaración de la unidad de AA	28.57% (14)	22.45% (11)	14.29% (7)	6.12% (3)	12.24% (6)	8.16% (4)	8.16% (4)	4.92	2	49
Padrenuestro	22.50% (9)	10.00% (4)	15.00% (6)	7.50% (3)	5.00% (2)	10.00% (4)	30.00% (12)	3.88	7	40
Momento de silencio	19.05% (8)	14.29% (6)	11.90% (5)	14.29% (6)	7.14% (3)	14.29% (6)	19.05% (8)	4.05	5	42
Declaración de la responsabilidad	16.67% (9)	25.93% (14)	14.81% (8)	9.26% (5)	11.11% (6)	14.81% (8)	7.41% (4)	4.54	3	54
Oración de la Serenidad	32.00% (16)	16.00% (8)	20.00% (10)	16.00% (8)	2.00% (1)	8.00% (4)	6.00% (3)	5.12	1	50
Oración del Séptimo Paso	8.33% (3)	16.67% (6)	8.33% (3)	19.44% (7)	30.56% (11)	8.33% (3)	8.33% (3)	3.94	6	36
Oración del Tercer Paso	17.07% (7)	9.76% (4)	17.07% (7)	19.51% (8)	17.07% (7)	17.07% (7)	2.44% (1)	4.29	4	41

¿Tiene alguna sugerencia diferente para el cierre de las reuniones grandes?

Respondida: 40

- 1 Continue closing them as we traditionally do, with the Serenity Prayer or the Declaration of Unity.
- 2 No
- 3 I think it's just that the Lord's Prayer may cause problems. It should not be used.
- 4 No
- 5 Have it close with something related to Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 6 The St. Francis Prayer: Make an instrument of your peace...
The Lord's Prayer is the essence of our spirituality... we should always keep what helped
- 7 people recover back in the day, and continues to help many AAs recover. The program is being devalued with illogical changes. Let's keep it simple. May God protect us from tyranny.
- 8 The Eleventh Step prayer followed by a minute of silence/meditation.
Together with the Step 3 prayer.
- 9 Let's keep it simple. One minute of silence and the responsibility statement.
The Lord's Prayer will only cause conflict with people who thrive on resentment or atheism, as has already happened once. Also, it is a 2000-year-old prayer and Alcoholics Anonymous is
- 10 only 87 years old. Does this mean we can add religious sections to our literature? Let's keep it simple. Everyone has their own Higher Power already, Steps 2 and 3 tell us to go look for it, not impose it upon others.
- 11 No. Thank you for sharing.
I don't think it's such a bad idea for the decision to be left to the event chairs, but I'm also not
- 12 against using the Lord's Prayer as just another prayer, with a meaning beyond what it signifies for the Catholic religion, etc. I hope my opinion will be useful.
Thank you, dear AA friends, for your service and happy 24 hours!
- 13 No. I would like it to be the Responsibility Statement, or the Declaration of Unity.
Dr. Bob described our Fellowship with the words Love and Service. The St. Francis Prayer suggested for the practice of Step Eleven covers both proposals. It asks that I become an instrument and carry the message of love, forgiveness, unity, truth, hope, light, joy, consolation and understanding which are a part of our recovery program.
- 14 Thus, I would suggest that we close with the St. Francis' Prayer.

I like the Declaration of Unity a lot. Since this is an International Convention, which will gather
- 15 many AAs from around the world, I think the Declaration of Unity would make more sense. Thank you. It's the opinion of Luis N.R., AA member from Mexico.
- 16 It could be the Lord's Prayer and the Responsibility Statement.
- 17 Traditionally they always close with the Responsibility Statement, remembering always that group and convention autonomy ought to be respected.
- 18 Only with the Responsibility Statement.
- 19 Not for the time being.
- 20 With the Lord's Prayer and a few seconds of silence.

21 In my group we end the meeting by hugging each other in brotherly love.
Many AA members at conventions do this spontaneously and some with tears in their eyes as they are overtaken by emotion.

22 No

23 I think it's necessary to have the Lord's Prayer at the closing of the meeting.

24 Foster the inclusion and relevance of young people for AA as a whole.

25 No, I am OK with my suggestions.

26 We could include the Responsibility Statement in French, Spanish and English and close the big AA meeting this way.

27 Serenity Prayer and Declaration of Unity.

I think that most groups are in agreement and fully convinced that when the bell rings, it is God whom we call upon, in silence, which unites us all. Followed by our Serenity Prayer, which stands for daily work through the Steps, ending with commitment to AA and as a Fellowship with the two statements. And everything [applies to] atheists, agnostics, believers and any member of any faith, this being AA. IT INVOLVES US.

28

29 The Declaration of Unity and Responsibility Statement.
Some people from other religions might feel left out if we use the Lord's Prayer.

30 I like the Responsibility Statement.

If we sense a lot of conflict because of closing with the Lord's Prayer, it think it would be best to close with the Responsibility Statement, although we know that the Lord's Prayer was a much-used tool in the early days of our Fellowship. Thank you for taking our opinion into account.

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1. Declaration of Unity
2. I am responsible
3. The Lord's Prayer

32 My personal reasons:
We need unity
I am responsible for practicing this.
HE is our hope to free us from any evil that could break us apart.

33 Only three moments: 1. Lord's Prayer; 2. Serenity Prayer and 3. Responsibility Statement

34 NO

35 Replace the Lord's Prayer with the St. Francis Prayer.

36 NOT for now.

37 None

38 FIRST THE DECLARATION OF UNITY, FOLLOWED BY THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT.

39 AA is not allied with any sect, DENOMINATION, politics, organization or institution.

40 The St. Francis Prayer.

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